Service Area Strategic Plan

Department of Social Services (765)

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Unemployed Parents Cash Assistance (765 452 16)

Description

The Unemployed Parents Cash Assistance service area is temporary assistance for provided to needy families with children where two able-bodied parents are present. As with TANF, TANF-UP provides temporary cash assistance and employment-related services to enable two-parent families with children to become self-supporting. TANF-UP recipients also participate in VIEW.

Background Information

Mission Alignment and Authority

- *Describe how this service supports the agency mission*

   By helping individuals gain skills and find employment, the Unemployed Parents Cash Assistance or TANF-UP program assists low-income families in overcoming poverty and building strong futures for themselves, their families, and their communities.

- *Describe the Statutory Authority of this Service*

   Public Law 104-193, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act passed in August of 1996 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR 45) – Title 45 sets regulations for Public Welfare and outlines the eligibility criteria for cash assistance and employment programs.

   §63.2-6080 Code of Virginia, is the state law that establishes and provides guidelines to administer the TANF Program in the commonwealth.

   §63.2-609 Code of Virginia, is the state law that allows Virginia to exempt some TANF recipients from VIEW.

   §63.2-610, Code of Virginia, is the state law that provides case management for VIEW.

Customers

Agency Customer Group	Customer	Customers served annually	Potential annual customers
Individuals, Children and Families (served unknown; potential unlimited)	Children in unemployed two-parent families	3,117	3,200
Individuals, Children and Families (served unknown; potential unlimited)	Unemployed two-parent families	2,682	3,000

Anticipated Changes To Agency Customer Base
A significant factor that may potentially influence this customer base is the slowing Virginia economy as evidenced by a projected revenue shortfall. The results from a slumping housing market may increase the number of two-parent families seeking assistance.

Partners

Partner	Description
Local Departments of Social Services	
State Agencies	
Virginia Institute for Social Services Training Activities (VISSTA)	

Products and Services

- *Factors Impacting the Products and/or Services:*

  We do not anticipate any changes in the factors impacting the level of services provided through the Unemployed Parents Cash Assistance program.

- *Anticipated Changes to the Products and/or Services*

  We do not anticipate any changes in Unemployed Parents Cash Assistance program services.

- *Listing of Products and/or Services*

  [None entered for this Service Area]

Finance

- *Financial Overview*

  This service is supported entirely by General Funds.

- *Financial Breakdown*

	Fiscal Year 2009		Fiscal Year 2010	
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund
Base Budget	$0	$0	$0	$0
Change To Base	$5,725,753	$0	$5,725,753	$0
Service Area Total	$5,725,753	$0	$5,725,753	$0

Service Area Objectives

- Efficiently provide financial assistance to needy families with children

    ### Alignment to Agency Goals

    o   Agency Goal: Maximize the economic independence, safety and stability of individuals and families

    ### Objective Measures

    o   Percent of cases receiving Unemployed Parents Cash Assistance (formerly TANF-UP) closed each month with employment

    Governor's Key:

    No

    Measure Type:

    Outcome

    Measure Frequency:

    Annual

    Frequency Comment: Percent of cases receiving Unemployed Parents Cash Assistance (formerly TANF-UP) closed each month with employment

    Measure Baseline: During SFY 2007, 40% of all cases closed to Unemployed Parents Cash Assistance (formerly TANF-UP) had employment.

    Measure Target: During each SFY, 40% of all closed Unemployed Parents Cash Assistance cases will have employment

    Data Source and Calculation: Employment Services Program Automated System (ESPAS) will be the source of the data for this measure. The calculation is based on the number of UP cases closed with employment divided by the number of cases closed.